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- 1. In summer 1964 a Soviet "Z-V" Class SSB and a Soviet "R" Class SS were photographed in a large floating dock at Rosta, USSR (69 02N-033 04E).
- 2. Photo/mensural analysis of selected small format photography has resulted in the approximate determination of certain external dimensions of these submarines. The specific dimensions requested are as follows:

### Z-V Class

- a. Distance from keel to top of missile tube hatch approximately 12.7 meters.
- b. Distance from the floor of the drydock (along submarine's centerline) to keel of submarine approximately 1.6 meters.
  - c. Diameter of the centerline propeller approximately 1.7 meters.

### R Class

- d. Maximum outside diameter of shroud over port propeller approximately 1.7 meters.
- e. Minimum outside diameter of shroud over port propeller approximately 1.6 meters.
- f. Maximum outside horizontal width of shroud surrounding starboard propeller approximately 0.9 meters.
- 3. No starboard propeller was visible on the "Z-V" Class SSB. It could not be ascertained whether or not there is a starboard propeller shaft installed in this ship.
- 4. The methods employed to determine the measurements above were as follows:

# Measurements 2a through 2c above

a. The height of the drydock from the bottom of the outer draft mark to the top of the drydock wall was scaled directly from the visible meter marks.

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- b. Close examination of CIA 1025176 (the better of the two photos showing the "R" Class in the same drydock) revealed that the bottom edge of the outer draft mark was nearly even with the top of the drydock floor since the waterline at the time this photo was taken appeared to be almost even with each of these levels. Hence, on photo #6 (CIA 1010574) it was assumed that the bottom edge of the outer draft marker was approximately in the same horizontal plane as the top of the drydock floor.
- c. From the vertical draft marks the height of the handrail atop the drydock was scaled and determined to be approximately 1.0 meter the height generally accepted for similar guard rails seen on Soviet submarines. It was then assumed that the actual height represented by this rail was 1.0 meter regardless of what plane, in depth, it was imaged on the photography.
- d. Using the height of the handrail (1.0 meter) above the catwalk extension over the submarine (roughly in the same plane as the submarine) this scale was used to determine: (1) the height (diameter) of the centerline propeller approximately 1.7 meters; and (2) the height from the drydock floor to the keel of the submarine approximately 1.6 meters. Using this same procedure (again on photo #6) the height of the light background on which the large Russian letters are painted was determined to be approximately 2.0 meters.
- e. From photograph #8 (CIA 1010575) it was established that the light painted backgrounds for both the large Russian sign and the "SLOW SPEED" sign on the side of the drydock were approximately the same height approximately 2.0 meters. Using both the height of the "SLOW SPEED" sign and the height of the handrail visible in photo #5 (CIA 1010576) it was determined that the height from the top of the drydock wall to the top of the missile tube hatch was approximately 4.3 meters. It should be noted that there was a difference of roughly 15-20 feet in depth between the plane containing the scaling values and the plane of the submarine's missile tube. Therefore, the 4.3 meters derived for this height probably represents a minimum dimension for this value.
- f. The height from keel to top of missile tube hatch (12.7 meters) was derived by adding the heights representing the distance from the bottom of the draft marker to the top of the drydock wall (approximately 10.0 meters) plus the distance from the top of the drydock wall to the top of the missile tube hatch (approximately 4.3 meters) and subtracting from this total the height from the drydock floor to the keel (approximately 1.6 meters).

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- g. It was assumed that the rudder of the "R" Class SS is identical to that of the "W" Class SS. Using the "W" Class <u>Data Book</u> dimensions of 3100 mm for the height of the rudder and 2320 mm for the length of the rudder a simple ratio was established to derive the external dimensions of the shrouding on the "R" Class on CIA photos 1025176-5177.
- 5. All measurements were made by the NPIC Technical Intelligence Division. Measurements given for the "Z-V' Class SSB are considered accurate to within plus or minus 0.2 meters; those dimensions derived for the "R" Class shrouding are considered accurate to within plus or minus 0.1 meter. TID mensuration was accomplished utilizing duplicate positive materials from the original negatives on the Nistri comparator. The CIA/PID photo analyst performed a cross-check on waterproofed print enlargements from the original negatives.

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4 Waterproofed Print Enlargements

Measurements 2d through 2f

- (1 print each of CIA 1010573 thru CIA 1010576)
- 2 Annotated Acetate Overlays
- (1 overlay each attached to CIA 1010574 and CIA 1010576)
- 3 Rough Diagrams Containing NPIC/TID Mensural Data

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# REFERENCES

# PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTO NUMBERS

DATE

CLASSIFICATION

CIA 1010573-1010576

21 July 1964

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CIA 1025176-1025177

3 August 1964

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# DOCUMENTS

<u>Data Book</u> Soviet "W" Class Submarine SECRET

# REQUIREMENT

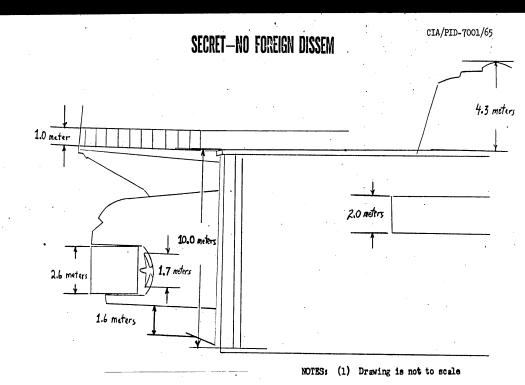
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- (2) Accuracy plus or minus 0.2 meter
- (3) Mensuration performed by the Technical Intelligence Division, NPIC, from CIA photos 1010574 and 1010576 - crosschecked by CIA/PID photo analyst

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